THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recommendations include measures for promoting conservation in various sectors such as transport, industrial, agricultural, household, etc. and also cover inter-fuel substitution energy auditing, creation of mass awareness about conservation, strengthening of research & development programmes, etc. The recommendations have been made available to the different Ministries concerned and have also been considered by the Committee of Secretaries.

Complaints against M/s. Kiran Gas Service, Khan Market, New Delhi

1054. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum limit of consumers has not been prescribed for an LPG distributor;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against M/s. Kiran Gas Service, Khan Market, New Delhi during the last 20 months alongwith the nature of complaints;

(d) what action has been taken on each complaint so far;

(e) whether it is also a fact that officials of oil companies are not taking strict action against the erring distributors; and

(f) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No minimum/maximum number of consumers have been prescribed for an LPG distributorship.

(c) and (d) Six complaints were received and two could be substantiated, (i) one pertaining to delay in refill supply and (ii) the release of connection to a wrong person. Caution letter is to be issued.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Gas agencies in Almora and Nainital

1055. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of gas agencies functioning in Almora and Nainital districts of Uttar Pradesh at present; and

(b) what steps are being taken to open more such dealerships in these districts to cater to the needs of increasing population?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 15 (Fifteen).

(b) No additional LPG distributorship is proposed to be opened in these districts at present.

Power to Rajasthan from Central Pool

1056. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there had been inadequate allocation of power throughout the State of Rajasthan from the Central Sector Power Projects;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and whether it is also a fact that earlier allocation of power from Singrauli Super Thermal Power Station which used to be 15 per cent was subsequently reduced to 9.5 per cent; and

(c) if so, what corrective steps are likely to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?